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## Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/486,540	Applicant(s) PRZYTULLA et al
Examiner Sandra Nolan	Art Unit 1772

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_

2a)  This action is FINAL. 2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle* 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

4)  Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8)  Claims 1-16 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11)  The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a)  approved b)  disapproved.

12)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13)  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a)  All b)  Some\* c)  None of:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14)  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

### Attachment(s)

15)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18)  Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

16)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ 20)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Missing Priority Document***

1. The Examiner is unable to locate a certified copy of priority application DE 29809489.4, filed in Germany on 28 May 1998, in the application file.

### ***Request for Clean Copy of Claims***

2. It is requested that Applicants submit a clean copy of all of the pending claims in their response to this action. The entry of the Preliminary Amendment dated February 29, 2000 (Paper No. 3) has left multiple parentheses, brackets and underlining in many of the claims. It would facilitate the claims' consideration if they were reprinted without brackets and underlining

### ***Election/Restrictions***

3. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in response to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-3, drawn to extrusion of parisons with increased wall thickness and differing wall thicknesses in zones of the parisons.

Group II, claim(s) 4-6, drawn to a device for molding parisons, which device has certain structural features.

Group III, claim(s) 7-16, drawn to hollow bodies having multiple ribs on their inner walls.

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4. The inventions listed as Groups I-III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

A. The claims of Groups I and III are obvious over the teachings of British patent 1,107,628 and/or US 3,956,441, which show the production of horizontal and vertical grooves in the inner surfaces of hollow bodies. As the special technical feature which Groups I and III share does not make a contribution over the art, unity of invention is lacking and restriction is appropriate.

B. The claims of Group II do not share a special technical feature with those of Groups I and II. The device of Group II calls for a special technical feature involving nozzles/nozzle gap control elements that can be adjusted. The device of Group II does not call for the special technical feature that the claims of Groups I and II share (that is, the production of horizontal and vertical grooves in the inner surfaces of hollow bodies). Accordingly, there is lack of unity of invention and restriction is appropriate.

Note: The references cited in section A, above were submitted in the information disclosure statement of February 29, 2000 (Paper No. 4). Accordingly, they will be made of record in subsequent prosecution. No form PTO 892 accompanies this action.

5. A telephone call was made to Mr. Nanda Alapati on September 19, 2001, to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

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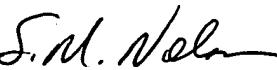
Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

*Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sandra M. Nolan, whose telephone number is (703) 308-9545. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:30 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on (703) 308-4251. The fax phone number for the art unit is (703) 305-5408. The telephone number for the receptionist is (703) 308-0661.

  
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